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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 9, 2002, applicants request entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the patentability of the rejected claims. Claims 1-16, and 23-38 are pending and stand rejected. A petition for a one-month extension of time accompanies this response. It is believed that no other fee is due to make this response timely filed. If any additional fee is due please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.